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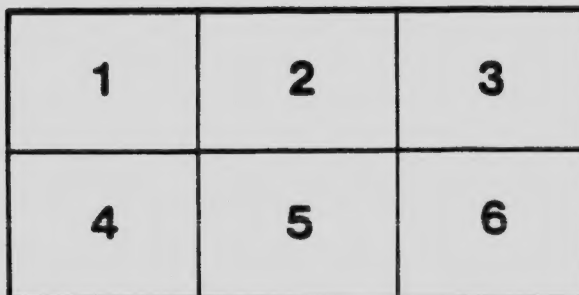
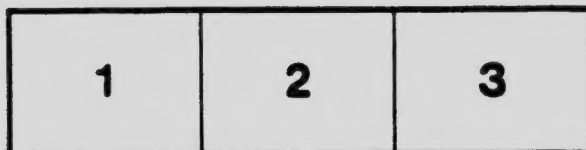
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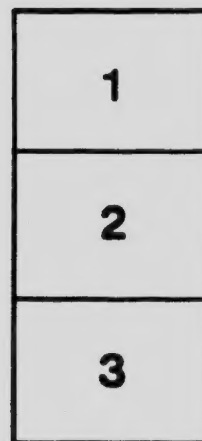
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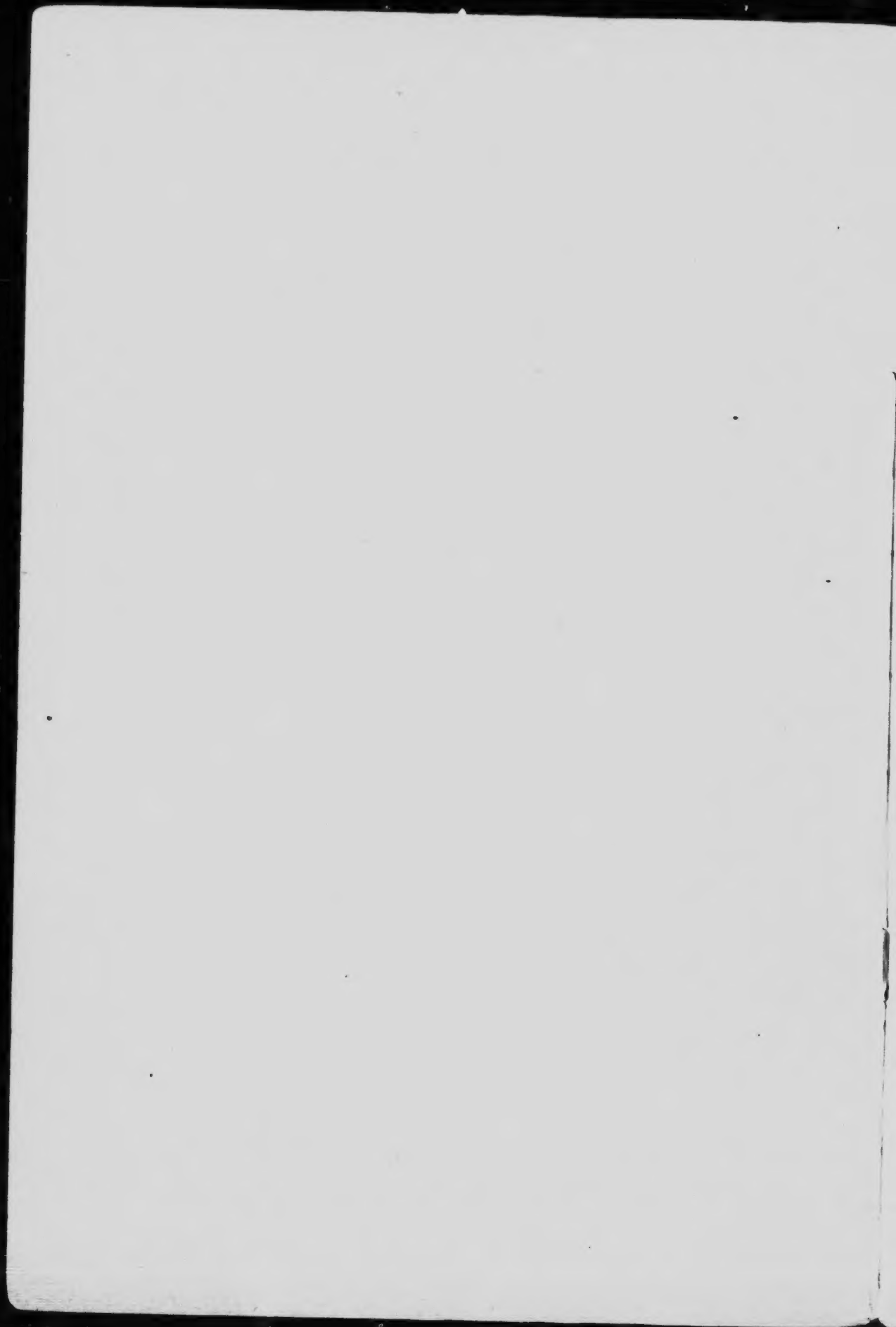


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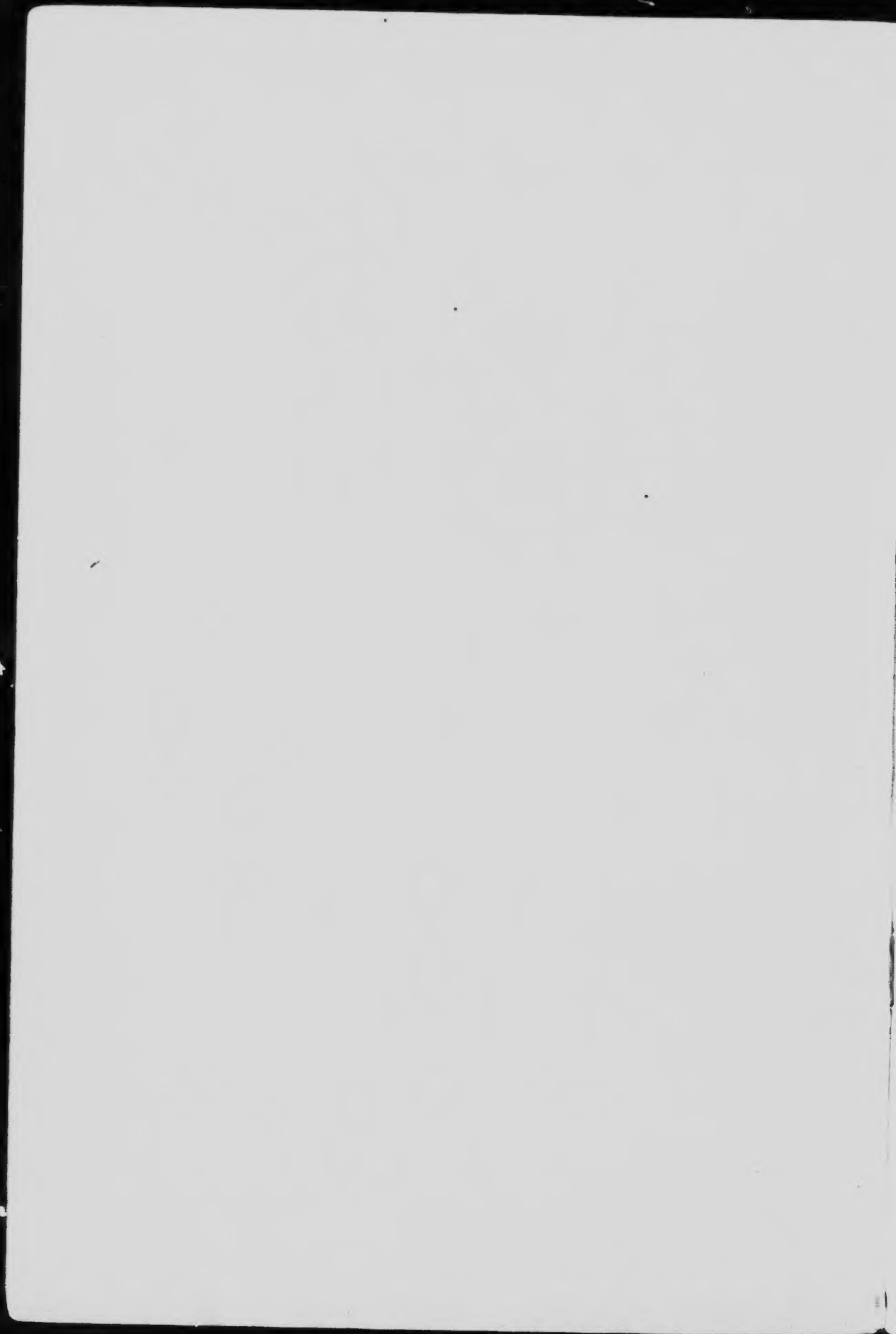
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The Constitution and Canons of the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of British Columbia

INTERPRETATION

In the construction and for the purpose of these Canons (if not inconsistent with the context or subject-matter) the following terms shall have the respective meanings hereinafter assigned to them:

"Parishioner" shall mean "every member of the Church of England in Canada, being of full age, who shall have been an attendant at the Church within the district for which the meeting of Vestry is held for the three months preceding the meeting, and who shall have signed the roll of Church membership."

"Minister" shall mean the duly authorized incumbent for the time being of any Ecclesiastical Cure.

"Mission" shall mean a District in charge of a Minister, or of a Lay Reader who has been licensed by the Bishop, there being no Parochial Organization.

"Parish" shall mean an Ecclesiastical division set apart by the Bishop, and organized as provided in Canons XI. and XII.

"Rectory" shall mean a Parish which is self-supporting.

"Vicarage" shall mean a Parish which is not self-supporting.

"Vestry" shall mean the parishioners duly convened and constituted for transaction of business in accordance with the Canons on that behalf.

"Session" shall mean the annual or other convention of Synod.

"Seniority of Clergy" shall be decided by the length of continuous service as a licensed clergyman in this Diocese.

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

First Made December 16, 1875.

We, the Bishop, Clergy, and Laity of the Diocese of British Columbia, assembled in Synod, and intending, under God's blessing and guidance, to consider and determine upon such matters as shall appear necessary for the welfare of the Church in this Diocese, desire in the first place to make a Declaration of the Principles upon which we propose to proceed.

1. We desire that the Church in this Diocese shall continue as heretofore in full communion with the Church of England.

2. We recognize and accept the Canon of Holy Scripture as received by the Church of England as the Rule and Standard of our Christian Faith. We acknowledge "The Book of Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments," together with the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion of the Church of England to be a true and faithful declaration of the doctrines contained in Holy Scripture. We maintain

the Three-Fold Order of the Christian Ministry, as set forth in the "Form and Manner of Making, Ordaining, and Consecrating of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons," to be Scriptural and Apostolical, and we declare our firm and unanimous resolution, in dependence on Divine aid, to preserve those doctrines and that form of Church Order, and to transmit them unimpaired to our posterity.

3. Provided that nothing hereof contained shall prevent the Synod, so far as the Synod may see fit, from accepting any alteration in "The Book of Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments," or of the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion, or in the Authorized Version of the Bible, that may from time to time be adopted by the Church of England in Canada, or any Office of Prayer or Thanksgiving to be prepared by the Bishop, which any special circumstances may render desirable.

CONSTITUTION OF THE SYNOD

The Synod

1. The Synod shall consist of: (a) the Bishop of the Diocese, and any Coadjutor Bishop thereof; (b) the Clergy who for the time being are subject to the episcopal jurisdiction of the Bishop according to Canon VI. of the General Synod of the Church of England in Canada, and who, being licensed to a definite sphere of work in the Diocese, have been canonically resident during the three months immediately preceding the Session of Synod, provided that at the expiration of six months after resignation of such work the right of voting in Synod shall be void, but this shall not apply to such Clergy as shall have resigned after ten years' continuous service in the Diocese, or shall have been superannuated, and who are not under ecclesiastical censure or process, provided also that Clergy subject to the jurisdiction of the Bishop as above shall be entitled to vote for delegates to General and Provincial Synods; (c) the Chancellor, the Registrar, the Lay Secretary, and the Treasurer of the Diocese; (d) Lay Representatives to be elected as hereinafter provided.

Lay Representatives

2. The Lay Representatives shall be male communicants of at least one year's standing, and of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, resident in the Diocese for three months immediately preceding the election. The Chairman of the meeting at which they are elected shall forward to the Clerical Secretary of the Synod immediately thereafter a certificate of their election in the following form:

"I hereby certify that at a meeting of the Vestry of..... Parish, held on theday of....., the following persons, communicants of the Church, were duly elected as Lay Representatives in Synod, and that there are entered on the roll of Electors..... persons entitled to vote at this election.

Dated theday of.....

.....Chairman."

Election

3. The Lay Representatives shall be elected at the annual Vestry Meeting of the Parishioners and they shall continue in office until others are elected. Provided, nevertheless, that if no election be held at the annual Vestry Meeting, then it shall be lawful for the Minister

to call a meeting for such purpose at such time and place as he thinks proper. At the same time and in the same manner an equal number of substitutes, having the same qualifications as Lay Representatives, may also be elected. The certificate of election of Lay Representatives shall also contain the names of such substitute or substitutes. In case a Lay Representative is prevented by any cause from attending a session of the Synod, a substitute may take his place, and sit and vote in Synod as a Lay Representative of the Parish. If a Lay Representative attend at any meeting of the Synod, it shall not be competent for a substitute to take his place for the remainder or any part of that Session, and vice-versa.

Filling Vacancy

4. If any Lay Representative or substitute, elected as aforesaid, shall die, or shall decline to serve, or shall at any time resign his office, signifying the same in writing to the Minister, or shall remove from the Diocese, the said office shall in any such case become vacant, and the Minister shall proceed to call a new election; moreover, should any Lay Representative secede from the Church, or wilfully abstain from the Holy Communion for a space of one whole year, or wilfully absent himself from Public Worship for the space of six consecutive months, or should he be convicted of any crime, he shall thereupon forfeit his said office, and the Minister of the Parish for which he was a Lay Representative shall proceed to call a new election in like manner as in the previous Article is provided for.

Representation

5. Every Parish shall be entitled to elect two representatives, but when the number of its electors shall exceed one hundred it shall be entitled to elect four representatives, and when the number of its electors shall exceed two hundred it shall be entitled to elect six representatives.

Quorum

6. The quorum for the transaction of any business in the Synod, except the election of a Bishop, shall consist of not less than one-fourth of the whole number of qualified Clergymen of the Diocese, and of a like proportion of Lay Representatives whose election shall have been certified to by the Secretaries of the Synod; but any less number shall have power to adjourn until a quorum can be obtained.

Majority and Vote by Orders

7. No act or resolution of the Synod shall become valid without the concurrence of the Bishop and of a majority of the Clergy and Laity present; provided that ordinarily the ~~act~~ of the whole Synod shall be taken collectively, but that previous to any vote being taken, at the desire of the Bishop, or at the request of any two members of the Synod, the votes of both Orders shall be taken separately, and in this case a majority of each Order shall concur.

Regular Session

8. The Synod shall meet annually, during the month of February, in the City of Victoria, on a summons from the Bishop of the Diocese, and at such time and place as the Executive Committee shall direct.

Special Session

9. (a) The Bishop, or in case of his absence, (b) the Dean, or (c) the Senior Archdeacon by appointment, or if there be no Archdeacon, then (d) the Bishop's Commissary at the time of such absence, or if there be no such Commissary, then (e) any three Clergymen, being members of the Synod, shall have power to call a Special Session of the Synod on any occasion when he or they may deem it necessary for the welfare of the Diocese, at such time and place as he or they, in summoning such Session, shall direct, in consultation with the Executive Committee; and such Special Session of Synod shall be called as above upon a written requisition signed by ten of the Clerical and ten of the Lay members of Synod, specifying the object of the meeting, provided that no such Session shall be held till at least six months after the last preceding Session of Synod, except in the case of the election of a Bishop.

Notice of Synod

10. Notice of every Session of Synod shall be given by the Secretaries of Synod to the Clerical members, and the Minister of every Parish shall deliver such notice to the Lay Delegates at the time of their election. A notice duly mailed shall be sufficient advice to each Clerical member and Parish.

Presiding Officer

11. When the Bishop is present he shall preside at every Session of the Synod. When the Bishop is not present, the Dean, or the Senior Archdeacon by appointment, or if there be no Archdeacon, the Bishop's Commissary at the time of such absence, shall preside; failing any of these, the Synod shall elect its own chairman.

Election and Duties of Secretaries

12. A Clerical Secretary shall be elected by the Clergy and a Lay Secretary by the Laity on the first day of each regular annual Session of the Synod, and they shall remain in office until their successors are elected.

It shall be the duty of the Clerical Secretary:

- (a) To issue the notices of Synod; and to prepare the statement of business to be considered;
- (b) To compile the Journal of Synod;
- (c) To conduct correspondence on behalf of the Bishop and Archdeacons on such Diocesan matters as they shall direct;
- (d) To attend to such matters as shall be assigned to him in the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese.

The Lay Secretary shall have the qualifications of a Lay Representative as in Article 2 of this Constitution; and if at the time of his election he be not a member of Synod, he shall become such by virtue of his election. It shall be his duty:

- (a) To keep regular minutes of the Synod and Executive Committee, and to record them in books provided for that purpose;
- (b) To preserve all records and papers and other documents appertaining to the proceedings of the Synod;

(c) To conduct all correspondence relative to such finances and temporalities of the Synod as are under the management of the Executive Committee;

(d) To attest the public acts of the Synod when required.

The Secretaries shall faithfully deliver into the hands of their successors all property, books, and papers relating to the concerns of the Synod which may be in their possession or entrusted to them. All certificates and other documents to be transmitted to the Primate, or the Metropolitan of the Province, shall be signed by both Secretaries.

Election and Duty of Treasurer

13. A Treasurer shall be elected at each regular annual Session of Synod, and shall remain in office until his successor is elected. He shall have the qualifications of a Lay Representative as in Article 2 of this Constitution; and if at the time of his election he be not a member of Synod, he shall become such by virtue of his election. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse the funds of the Diocese in accordance with the Canons of the Diocese and under the direction of the Synod and Executive Committee. His accounts shall be rendered to the Synod annually at the regular Session, being made up to the 31st day of December immediately preceding, and having been duly examined by the Auditor or Auditors of Synod, whose report shall be affixed thereto.

Execution of Deeds in Bishop's Absence

14. In the case of the absence of the Bishop from the Diocese, or his inability from any cause to attend to his official duties, all deeds and instruments to be executed by the Synod may be signed by the duly appointed Bishop's Commissary, or in the case of a vacancy in the See, by the Dean, or by one of the Archdeacons, and the seal of the Synod may be verified by such signature in lieu of the signature of the Bishop.

Alterations in Constitution

15. Any proposal for the alteration of this Constitution must be sent to the Committee on Canons, and by them submitted to the Executive Committee for presentation at the ensuing Session of the Synod, and if approved by the Bishop and a majority of the members of the Synod, shall lie over to the next Session of the Synod, and if again approved in substance by the Bishop and a majority consisting of two-thirds of each of the two Orders of the Clergy and Laity present, it shall be committed, confirmed and take effect in the form in which the same is thus finally approved.

Book of Canons

16. On the final passing of a new Canon or the addition to, or alteration in the Constitution or any existing Canon, such addition or alteration shall be entered in a book to be called "The Book of Canons," and being verified by the signatures of the Secretaries of the Synod and the seal of the Synod attached thereto the Bishop shall by his signature attest the same.

Committee on Canons

17. There shall be a standing committee of the Synod to be known as the Committee on Canons, the members of which shall be elected

annually by the Synod. This committee shall prepare for presentation to the Synod, through the Executive Committee, such new Canons, or additions to or alterations in the existing Constitution or Canons, as shall be from time to time referred to them by the Bishop, the Executive Committee, or any member of Synod.

CANON I.

Order of Proceedings of Synod

1. Each Session of the Synod shall begin with a public celebration of the Holy Communion; and the collection at the Offertory shall be devoted to missionary or other purposes as the Executive Committee may decide.

2. The business of each succeeding day of the Session shall be preceded by prayer for Divine guidance and blessing, according to a form authorized by the Bishop.

3. After Divine Service on the first day of the Session the President shall take the Chair, and the Clerical Secretary, and two others to be appointed by the President, as a Committee on Credentials, shall then examine the certificates of the representatives.

4. The Clerical Secretary shall then call over the roll of the Clergy, to be furnished by the Registrar, and the Lay Secretary shall call over the names of the several Parishes and their Representatives, whose certificates have been presented in due form, and the names of both Clergy and Lay Representatives in attendance shall be noted. All irregular or doubtful certificates, or questions affecting the status of Clerical members, shall be referred to the Committee on Credentials, who shall report in due order of business. A quorum being present, the President shall declare the Synod organized for business.

5. The Election of Secretaries shall then be made by the Clergy and Laity respectively.

6. The Reports of the Treasurer and of the Auditor or Auditors shall then be presented, read and discussed. The Treasurer shall then be elected, and an Auditor or Auditors appointed.

Then shall follow:

7. The Election of:

- (a) The Executive Committee;
- (b) The Delegates to the Provincial Synod;
- (c) The Governors of the Provincial Theological College;
- (d) The Delegates to the General Synod;
- (e) The Delegates to the Board of Management of the M.S.C.C.;
- (f) The Delegates to the ~~Sunday School Commission~~;
- (g) The Committee on Canons. **G. B. R. E.**

8. Presenting, reading and dealing with the Reports of the Executive Committee, the Finance Committee, the Archdeacons', the Rural Deans' and Canons Committee Reports, and other Reports of Synod. to

9. After these proceedings the order of business shall be as follows, and such order shall, as far as necessary, be that of each succeeding day:

GENERAL BOARD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

- (a) Reading, correcting and approving the minutes of the previous sitting.
 - (b) Calling of the roll of Clergy and Lay Representatives who have not already answered to their names.
 - (c) Presenting, reading and referring correspondence, memorials and petitions.
 - (d) Presenting, reading and dealing with Reports of Committees.
 - (e) Giving notice of motions.
 - (f) Taking up unfinished business.
 - (g) Consideration of motions.
10. An address from the Bishop shall be in order at any time.
11. The minutes of the proceedings of the last day of each Session of the Synod shall be read and confirmed before the Synod adjourns.

Rules for the Preservation of Order

12. When the Bishop or other person presiding has taken the chair, no member shall continue standing.
13. When any member is about to speak for the information of the Synod, he shall rise and address himself to the Chair.
14. All motions and amendments to be considered by the Synod shall be in writing and (excepting such as may be proposed by the Bishop or Executive Committee) with the names of mover and seconder. No motion shall be considered until the next sitting of the Synod after notice thereof has been given, unless by consent of the Synod.
15. No member, save the mover of the motion, who is entitled to reply, shall speak more than once on the same question without leave of the Synod, except in explanation of a material part of his speech which may have been misunderstood, and then he is not to introduce fresh matter.
16. When a question is under consideration, no other motion shall be received, unless (a) to adjourn, (b) to lay it on the table, (c) to postpone it to a certain time, (d) to postpone it indefinitely, (e) to refer it to a Committee of the whole Synod, or to a select committee, (f) to amend it, or (g) to divide on it; and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order here named.
17. Motions to adjourn or to lay on the table shall be decided without debate.
18. When a notice of motion is given, it shall be read to the Synod by one of the Secretaries, after which it cannot be withdrawn by the mover without the consent of the Synod.
19. Each member shall have the right to require, at any period of the debate, that a question in discussion be read for his information.
20. A member called to order while speaking shall sit down unless permitted to explain.
21. All questions of order shall be decided by the Chair.
22. An amendment to an original motion shall in discussion take precedence of such motion; an amendment to an amendment shall be first considered, then the amendment to the motion, and lastly the motion itself.

23. When a proposed amendment is under consideration, not more than one amendment to such amendment shall be in order, yet a substitute for the whole matter may be proposed and received, providing it deals with the matter in hand.

24. All speakers, except in moving or seconding any resolution, may by motion of the Synod be limited to ten minutes, and in such cases be timed by an assessor or assessors who may be appointed by the Chair to aid in the maintenance of order and obedience to the Rules of the Synod.

25. Whilst any question is being put from the Chair the members shall continue in their seats and shall not hold any private discourse, and when a motion is so put, no member shall retire until such motion is disposed of.

26. When a division takes place, the votes of the Clergy and of the Laity shall be taken in accordance with clause 7 of the Constitution.

27. In voting, those who vote in the affirmative shall first rise, and then those who vote in the negative.

28. A question being once determined, shall not again be brought into discussion in the same sitting, except with the consent of the Synod.

29. No protest or dissent shall be entered on the minutes of the proceedings, but when required by any two members the number of affirmative and negative votes and the names shall be recorded.

30. When the Synod is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the Bishop or other person presiding has left the Chair.

31. Any of the orders of routine business or of the rules for the preservation of order may be suspended by unanimous vote on motion without notice.

32. All committees, other than standing committees, unless named by the Synod, shall be appointed by the Chair, and the names shall be publicly announced while the Synod is in session, together with the name of the Convener, who shall be Chairman of such committee.

33. Every report of committee shall be in writing, and shall be signed by the Chairman.

34. The Chairman of the Committee or some member on his behalf shall explain to the Synod the bearing of any portion of the report, if requested by any member of the Synod.

New Canons

35. Every proposed new Canon shall be sent to the Committee on Canons, and by them submitted to the Executive Committee for presentation to the Synod.

36. Any proposal for the alteration of or addition to any existing Canon shall be sent to the Committee on Canons for presentation at the ensuing Session of Synod.

37. When any draft Canon shall be presented by the Executive Committee, the question that this Canon be now read a first time shall be decided without amendment or debate.

38. Every proposed new Canon, or addition to or alteration in existing Canons, shall receive two readings on different sittings, and shall be referred to committee of the whole Synod between the first and

second readings previously to being passed. Such Canons, or additions to or alterations in existing Canons, may be passed through all stages in one session by consent of the whole Synod.

39. The times of readings shall be certified on each Canon by the Lay Secretary.

40. When a Canon has been committed, the title and preamble, if any, shall be first postponed, and then each clause shall be read and considered in its natural order.

41. All amendments made in committee shall be reported by the Chairman to the Synod, which shall receive the same forthwith; after report, the draft Canon or amendment shall be open to debate and amendment before being ordered for second reading; but when reported without amendment, the Canon shall be read a second time at once.

42. In forming committee of the whole Synod, the Presiding Officer, before leaving the Chair, shall appoint a Chairman, who shall maintain order in committee, and the rules of the Synod shall be observed in committee of the whole Synod, except the rule limiting number of times of speaking.

43. Questions of order in committee shall be decided by the Chairman, subject to appeal to the Synod.

44. A motion that the Chairman of Committee do leave the chair is always in order, and takes precedence of any other motion, and is decided without amendment or debate; all unprovided cases shall be governed by the practice of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia so far as the same may be applicable.

Petitions

45. It shall be incumbent on every member presenting a petition to acquaint himself with the contents thereof, and to ascertain that it does not contain language disrespectful to the Synod. Every member presenting a petition shall affix his name at the beginning thereof.

46. Every petition must contain the prayer of the petitioner or petitioners at the end thereof, and must be signed by him or them.

47. No letters, affidavits or other documents, shall be attached to or accompany any petition. No petition shall make reference to any debate in the Synod.

48. Every member presenting a petition shall confine himself to a statement of the parties from whom it comes, of the number of signatures attached to it, and of the material allegations contained in it, to the reading of the prayer, and to the expression of his assent to, or dissent from, the allegations or prayer thereof.

49. The only question which shall be entertained by the Synod on the presentation of any petition, shall be on motion without notice, "that the petition be received."

50. No petition shall be printed except on motion made to that effect without notice.

CANON II.

Election of a Bishop

1. Upon the vacancy of the See, or of formal notice of the resignation of the Bishop, the Secretaries of the Synod shall, within ten

days, send a certificate of such vacancy to the Metropolitan of the Province; and upon receipt of the necessary letter of instruction from him, the Executive Committee shall, within thirty days thereafter, summon an Extraordinary Session of the Synod, to meet at the Cathedral City of the Diocese in not less than thirty days, nor more than sixty days from the date of such summons, for the purpose of electing a successor to the See, and during the vacancy of the See there shall be no Session of the Synod for any other purpose.

2. No election shall take place unless half of all the Clergy and of the Lay Representatives be present. The vote of a two-thirds majority of each Order present shall be necessary for such election, the Chairman voting with the Clergy. If the required number of Clergy and Lay Representatives should not assemble at such Extraordinary Session, the members present shall adjourn to any day within one week, and so on from time to time until the required number of Clergy and Lay Representatives shall assemble, when the election shall be proceeded with. The Chairman for the purpose of this Canon shall be the Dean, an Archdeacon by seniority of appointment, or any Priest of the Diocese (being present) by seniority.

3. This election shall not be vitiated by the absence of any of the parties summoned, or by the failure of any Parish to elect a Lay Representative.

4. On the day and at the place appointed, the Holy Communion having been first celebrated, the Chairman shall organize the meeting for business in accordance with clauses 3 and 4 of Canon I., and shall proceed in accordance with the following rules of procedure:

Rules of Procedure

(1) As soon as the names of the Clergy and Lay Representatives entitled to vote shall be ascertained, the list shall be signed by the Chairman of the Synod.

(2) All members of the Synod present shall sign their names in a book provided for that purpose.

(3) There shall be no nominations for the vacant See.

(4) The Chairman shall appoint Scrutineers to take the ballot, as follows:

For the Clergy vote, two Clergymen and one Lay Representative.

For the Lay vote, two Lay Representatives and one Clergyman.

(5) The list of those entitled to vote shall be handed to the Secretaries and Scrutineers, and no one not on that list shall be entitled to vote. Duly qualified members, who shall have signed the book, shall be entitled to vote on any ballot taken after their signature.

(6) The Synod shall then adjourn to meet in the Cathedral for the purpose of election at such time as the Synod may appoint.

Proceedings in the Cathedral

(7) The Synod having been called to order at the hour appointed, the Clergy on the one hand of the Chair, and the Laity on the other, the Chairman will request that a few moments be devoted to private prayer,

and that during the proceedings there shall be no manifestations of feeling, but that all, by quiet and orderly demeanour, shall pay the deepest respect to the solemnity of the sacred duty in which they are engaged.

(8) The voting will then commence, and be conducted according to the following regulations:

(a) Votes shall be taken by ballot, and deposited in the boxes provided for that purpose.

(b) All ballot papers shall be stamped by the Scrutineers before being delivered to the voters.

(c) The List of the Clergy shall be called over by the Clerical Secretary and the List of the Lay Representatives by the Lay Secretary.

(d) During the process of taking the ballot, every person shall keep his seat until his name be called by the Secretary; he shall then approach the Scrutineers' table, receive his ballot paper and retire to the table provided for that purpose, where he shall mark his ballot; returning he shall place his ballot paper in the ballot box, folded with the stamp outside and visible to the Scrutineers, containing the name of the person for whom he desires to vote. The voter having cast his ballot, shall return to his seat.

The name of the person voting shall then be marked by the Secretaries off the list as having voted; all names shall be called in like manner, until the list be exhausted.

The Chairman shall then, having first asked if all the members who desire to vote have voted, declare the ballot closed.

(9) The Scrutineers shall then retire to the place provided for them, and count the ballots. The Scrutineers shall see that the result corresponds with the number of those voting as ascertained by the Secretaries from the list marked as aforesaid.

(10) The Scrutineers shall be entitled to vote, but their vote must be placed in their respective ballot boxes before anyone else is called on to vote.

(11) The Scrutineers shall hand to the Registrar or his deputy their report of the result of the ballot, who shall proclaim it to the Synod, at the same time stating the number of Clerical and Lay votes required for an election.

(12) The ballot papers shall be placed in an envelope by the Secretaries after every ballot is completed, with the number of the ballots and the initials of the Secretaries placed on the outside, and these envelopes, with their contents, shall be destroyed by the Secretaries before the final adjournment of the Synod.

(13) After the ballot has commenced no discussion on points of order shall be verbally raised, but any appeal shall be reduced to writing, and presented to the Chairman, whose decision, announced through the Registrar or his deputy, with the point submitted, shall be final.

(14) The Synod, on a vote by orders, without debate, may adjourn from time to time until the ballot is completed.

(15) When the balloting is concluded, and the election made, the Chairman shall proclaim the result, and declare the Synod adjourned.

(16) All such proceedings shall be with closed doors until the final declaration of the result.

5. It shall be in the power of the Synod to elect any Bishop, or Priest, of Canonical age, being, or expressing his willingness to become a British subject, of this or any Diocese of the Church of England in Canada, or of any Church in communion with the same, being duly licensed in the same, to fill the vacant See.

6. Any question as to the validity of the election to the vacant See shall be submitted, prior to the consecration of the person elected, to the Metropolitan of the Province for the time being, whose decision shall be final.

7. When the election is made by the Synod, the Declaration of Election shall be signed in triplicate, in presence and on behalf of the Synod, by the Chairman, witnessed by one Clerical and one Lay member.

One of these declarations shall be transmitted without delay to the Metropolitan of the Province, one to the Secretary of the Provincial Synod, and the other kept in the Registry of the Diocese.

The approval of the Metropolitan of the Province having been obtained, he shall be requested to take steps, if necessary, for the consecration of the Bishop-elect.

8. Whenever the Bishop of the Diocese shall, by writing under his own hand, signify to the Synod of the Diocese, through the Executive Committee thereof, that he is desirous of having a Coadjutor Bishop nominated by the Synod, if such signification be in time before the annual session of the Synod to give the usual notice thereof according to the Constitution of the Synod, the said Executive Committee shall give notice thereof, and that such election will be proceeded with at the next session of the Synod, and before any of the other business is proceeded with; and such election shall be proceeded with accordingly in the same manner as in the case of the election of a Bishop of the Diocese, except that the Bishop of the Diocese, if present, shall preside at such election, and if not present, the Synod shall be presided over as in the case of the election of a Bishop on a vacancy occurring in the See.

9. If such signification is made as in the preceding section, at such time as in the opinion of the Bishop renders it desirable that an extraordinary session of the Synod shall be held for such election aforesaid, the Bishop of the Diocese shall call such extraordinary session for such election, and the Executive Committee shall forthwith give notice of such extraordinary session, and shall take charge of and conduct the proceedings at such election at the extraordinary session as aforesaid.

10. The Coadjutor Bishop so elected shall become and be the Bishop of the Diocese whenever any vacancy occurs in the See without any further election.

11. Before the election of any such Coadjutor Bishop is proceeded with, the Synod shall resolve that the election of a Coadjutor Bishop is necessary.

12. When a Coadjutor Bishop is elected and consecrated, he shall have the same powers, privileges and authorities as the Bishop of the Diocese, but shall exercise them in subordination to the Bishop of the Diocese.

CANON III.

Executive Committee

1. There shall be a standing committee of the Diocese known as the Executive Committee, consisting of:

(a) The Bishop, the Dean, the Archdeacons, the Chancellor, the Registrar, the Treasurer, the Clerical and Lay Secretaries of Synod.

(b) Eight Clerical members and eight Lay Representatives elected by the Synod at the first sitting of each ordinary Session. Of this Committee three Clerical and three Lay members shall be a quorum. The Chairmanship of the Committee shall be provided for as in Article 11 of the Constitution.

2. If any vacancy shall occur between the Sessions of the Synod, or if any member shall neglect or refuse to attend three consecutive meetings of the said Committee, it shall be lawful for the Committee to fill up the seat.

3. The Executive Committee shall carry out the decisions of the Synod, and shall exercise all the powers of the Synod, and shall manage all or any of the affairs or property of the Synod, and such property as may be vested in the Synod as Trustee.

4. For the foregoing purposes the Executive Committee shall, when the Synod is not in session, have all the executive powers of the Synod.

5. The said Committee may frame, for its own guidance, such by-laws as are not contrary to the Constitution and Canons of the Synod.

6. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to cause to be prepared in due form all such matters as the Bishop or any member of the Synod may desire to have brought before the Synod, and to cause to be furnished a report of all the proceedings of the Committee, a statement of all funds and properties, and a statement of receipts and disbursements for the next ordinary Session of the Synod.

7. It shall cause to be issued an agenda of the business, as far as known, of the ensuing Session of the Synod and the order in which such business mentioned shall be discussed; provided always that any business mentioned in the agenda for the preceding year which has not been brought under discussion, shall at the next ensuing Session of the Synod stand first in the order of business. Such agenda shall be attached to each copy of the convening circular. The business mentioned in the agenda shall have precedence of all other business.

8. There shall be quarterly meetings of the Executive Committee held in February, May, August and November respectively, and at these meetings the Treasurer shall furnish a report of the Parishes and Missions working under the Diocesan Mission Fund, specifying those which have paid their agreed contributions in full, those that have paid after notice given, and those that are in arrears.

CANON IV.

Diocesan Mission Fund

1. For the purpose of providing for the maintenance and extension of the work of the Church within the Diocese, a fund shall be maintained, to be known as the Diocesan Mission Fund.

2. The fund shall consist of:

- (a) The special collections for the Mission Fund as hereinafter ordered.
- (b) All subscriptions, donations or legacies, for the purposes of the Fund.
- (c) Interest from the Bishop Hills' Clergy Endowment Fund, invested capital, and revenue from real estate or other funds and properties of which the Synod may become possessed for the purposes of the Fund.
- (d) Any grants which may be received from the Missionary Society of the Canadian Church or other Ecclesiastical bodies for the purposes of the Fund.
- (e) The assessments made on the Parishes by the Executive Committee, as provided in clause 5 hereinafter.

3. The management and administration of the Mission Fund shall be vested in the Executive Committee of the Diocese.

4. On Advent Sunday and Whit Sunday of each year, or where no Divine Service is held on these Sundays, then on the next following occasion of Divine Service, the whole of the open offerings in every Parish and Station throughout the Diocese shall be appropriated to the Diocesan Mission Fund.

5. For the purpose expressed in clause 1 of this Canon the Fund shall be administered as follows:

- (a) The payment of the stipend of the Minister ministering in every Parish or Mission under its direction shall be undertaken by the Executive Committee.
- (b) In every Parish or Mission in which the payment of the Minister is so undertaken by the Executive Committee, the congregation shall pay a monthly contribution towards the Mission Fund; the amount of such contribution to be determined by the Executive Committee in conference with the Parishioners.
- (c) Appointments to any cure or charge in connection with the Executive Committee shall be made by the Bishop, acting in concert with the Executive Committee and the Parishioners.
- (d) When the amount of the assessment has been duly arranged, an agreement as under shall be signed in duplicate by the Churchwardens on behalf of the Parishioners, and by the Lay Secretary of Synod on behalf of the Executive Committee.

Form of Agreement

"Agreement between the Executive Committee of the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of British Columbia and the Parishioners of the Parish or Mission of.....

It is agreed (1) That the Parishioners of the Parish or Mission of..... will collect and pay to the Mission Fund of the Diocese of British Columbia the sum of \$..... per month, and will remit such sum to the Synod Office on or before the last day of each calendar month, so long as the ministrations of the Church, as in paragraph (3), are afforded to them.

(2) That the Executive Committee will maintain the services of the Church, as in paragraph (3), in the said Parish or Mission, so long as the sum stated above is paid on or before the last day of each calendar month and the Church property in the Parish or Mission is adequately insured against loss by fire, and taxes duly paid.

(3) That the following public church services at least shall be maintained in the said Parish or Mission during the continuation of this agreement. [Here shall follow the services.]

(4) That this agreement may be revised at any time by the parties hereto, acting as provided in clause 5 of Canon IV. of the said Anglican Synod, and that the present agreement shall remain in force until so revised.

6. If any congregation shall fail to pay its contribution in full when due, the Lay Secretary of the Synod shall at once notify the Minister and Churchwardens requesting that a remittance be made forthwith. If the contribution is still unpaid at the expiration of 30 days the notice shall be repeated.

7. When any Parish or Mission shall at the regular quarterly meeting be reported to be in arrears, the Executive Committee shall appoint a committee of enquiry to visit such Parish or Mission forthwith and to inquire into the cause of the arrears.

8. A full written report of the result of such enquiry shall be forwarded through the Bishop to the Executive Committee, within ten days of the completion of the enquiry, and the Executive Committee shall, without delay, meet and consider the report and shall take such action as the case may require.

9. Clauses 6, 7 and 8 shall be printed on all copies of the above agreement.

10. No new appointment shall be made to any Parish or Mission until all arrears of agreed contribution are paid or satisfied.

CANON V.

Synod Fund

1. The Synod Fund shall be maintained to provide for the following necessary expenses of the Synod:

- (a) The rent and maintenance of the Synod Office.
- (b) Office salaries.
- (c) The printing of the Synod Journal, notices and other matters relative to Synod business.
- (d) The travelling expenses of the members of the Executive Committee, and of others, when engaged in Synod business.
- (e) Postage, and other contingent expenses authorized by the Executive Committee.

2. The income of the Synod Fund shall be raised by an annual assessment of each Parish or Mission of the Diocese, to be fixed by the Executive Committee as hereinafter provided, and reported to each annual Session of the Synod.

- (a) Such assessment shall be based upon the current expenses of the Parish and Mission, being the amount paid for Ministers' stipends,

organist, choir, vergers, caretaker, light, heating, and any other expenses incurred in the maintenance and conduct of Divine Worship, the care, preservation, ordinary repairs and charges of Church buildings, parsonages and grounds; but all interest paid or amounts paid on mortgages, or for permanent improvements, shall be excluded.

(b) The current expenses shall be taken from the certified annual report of the current year and of the two years next preceding. The Executive Committee may take into consideration the income as therein shown. In case of vacancy or other cause of exceptionally small current expenses the Executive Committee shall take the average of preceding years.

(c) For the purpose of assessment the Parishes and Missions shall be divided into six classes according to the amount of their respective current expenses as follows:

- Class 1. All under \$1,000.
- Class 2. From \$1,000 to \$2,000.
- Class 3. From \$2,000 to \$2,500.
- Class 4. From \$2,500 to \$3,000.
- Class 5. From \$3,000 to \$3,500.
- Class 6. All over \$3,500.

(d) Class 1 shall be assessed according to their several abilities, as shall seem equitable to the Executive Committee. The balance of the amount required shall be distributed among the other Parishes and Missions in the ratio and proportion of 5% in Class 2; 6% in Class 3; 7% in Class 4; 7½% in Class 5; 8% in Class 6.

(e) If in the opinion of the Executive Committee the assessment in any individual case would be excessive, the Executive Committee shall state its reasons for such opinion to the Synod, and shall recommend such assessment as they consider equitable, and the Synod shall decide thereupon.

(f) If any Parish or Mission shall fail to file with the Lay Secretary its annual report, as provided in Canon XII., the Executive Committee shall have power arbitrarily to fix the annual assessment of such Parish or Mission.

3. The Synod Assessment of each Parish or Mission shall be paid in four equal quarterly instalments to the Treasurer of the Diocese, on or before the first day of March, June, September and December in each year.

4. No Parish or Mission which shall fail to pay its assessment for the Synod Fund shall be entitled to representation in the Synod of the Diocese.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Diocese one day prior to the assembling of the Synod, annual or special, to furnish the Lay Secretary with a list of all delinquent Parishes or Missions, and the Lay Secretary shall omit the names of such delinquent Parishes or Missions from the roll call of the Synod; provided that upon the payment in full of its delinquency by a Parish or Mission, its name shall be placed upon the roll call, and its representatives admitted to seats in the Synod.

CANON VI.
Clergy Pension Fund

CANON VII.

Clergy Widows' and Orphans' Fund

1. The Fund shall be called "The Clergy Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the Diocese of British Columbia," and its object shall be the making provision for the Widows and Orphans of the Clergy of the said Diocese.

2. The capital shall consist of the said Fund now in the hands of the Synod of the Diocese of British Columbia, and such further sums as may be added thereto by subscriptions, donations, legacies, or unused balance of income as hereinafter provided.

3. The income of the Fund shall consist of the annual collections made in the churches of the Diocese for the Fund, donations to the income account, and the interest or proceeds of the invested capital of the Fund.

4. A collection in aid of the Fund shall be made in every church and at every Mission or Station in the Diocese on Christmas Day in each year, or at the next Sunday Service thereafter in places where no service is held on Christmas Day, and at such other times as may be duly authorized by the Synod of the Diocese.

5. Grants from the income of the Fund may be made every year by the Executive Committee of the Synod to widows or orphans of the Clergy of the Diocese, or to guardians of orphans of such Clergy being under the age of eighteen years, in cases where orphans only survive. The amount of such grants and the time of their payment shall be left entirely to the discretion of the Executive Committee. Any balance of income after payment of the above yearly grants shall be added to the capital of the Fund.

6. The Executive Committee shall present a report annually to the Synod on the condition of the Fund and its administration thereof.

CANON VIII.

Declaration of Submission to the Constitution and Canons of the Synod

No Bishop, Clergyman, Lay Reader, School Master or other person shall be admitted to any Church, Land, Parsonage, Schoolhouse, or office under the Synod, or receive any profit or emolument from any property held or to be held under the same, until he shall have signed a special declaration to the following effect:

I, A.B., do declare that I consent to be bound by the Constitution and Canons which are now in force and which may from time to time be made by the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of British Columbia, and in consideration of being appointed to the.....to resign and vacate the said appointment, together with all the rights and emoluments, lands and tenements appertaining thereto in case final judgment requiring such resignation shall at any time be passed upon me, and after due consideration by the proper tribunal acknowledged, appointed or to be appointed by the Synod for the determination of such matters.

Provided always that nothing herein contained is intended to or shall interfere with the rights and interests now vested in such Bishop or Clergyman or other person as aforesaid unless he shall first be duly

convicted of some violation of the said Constitution and Canons of said Synod and sentenced accordingly, and saving all right of appeal allowed by the said Synod.

CANON IX.

Archdeacons

1. It shall be the duty and office of the Archdeacons to aid and assist the Bishop in his pastoral care and office. They shall at all times watch, enquire and report whatever may need the consideration and control of the Bishop, and more especially when the Bishop may direct them to make an enquiry. They shall also generally assist the Bishop in his administration as the Bishop may require.
2. They shall visit every Parish and Mission within their Arch-deaconry at least once a year to
 - (a) Confer with the Minister, Churchwardens and other officers of the Church.
 - (b) Inspect Churches and Churchyards, Church Plate, Parish Books, Furniture and Ornaments.
 - (c) Ascertain
 - (1) How far buildings are insured, and if sufficiently, and whether premiums are paid.
 - (2) What amount of debt, if any, is upon them, and what steps are being taken for its liquidation.
 - (d) Upon all matters contained in paragraphs (a), (b) and they shall prepare a report, to be laid before the Bishop one month before each annual meeting of the Synod.
3. The Archdeacons shall present persons, examined and approved, unto the Bishop for Ordination.
4. The appointment of Archdeacons shall be made by the Bishop.

CANON X.

Rural Deaneries

1. The Parishes and Missions of the Diocese shall be grouped in Rural Deaneries, the boundaries of which shall be defined by the Bishop, and may be readjusted at any time by him when deemed advisable.
2. In each Rural Deanery the Clergy canonically resident therein shall constitute the Ruri-Decanal Chapter.
3. In each Rural Deanery there shall be a Ruri-Decanal Conference, which shall meet at least annually. The members of the Conference shall consist of the members of the Chapter, with three Lay Delegates from every Parish and Mission within the Rural Deanery, together with the Churchwardens and licensed Lay Readers, such Lay Delegates to be chosen at the annual Vestry Meeting, and their names signified immediately thereafter by the Chairman of the meeting to the Rural Dean.
4. The presiding officer of the Ruri-Decanal Chapter and Conference shall be the Rural Dean, who shall be appointed by the Bishop on the nomination of the Chapter at a regular meeting, and his term of office shall be four years.

5. The Rural Dean shall convene the meetings of the Ruri-Decanal Chapter and Conference.
6. He shall, in conjunction with the Chapter, promote the spiritual, educational, moral, and social welfare of the Church within the Rural Deanery, and shall consult with the Bishop in all matters relative to Church extension.
7. The purpose of the Ruri-Decanal Chapter shall be to bring the Clergy together in fraternal intercourse, and to promote their spiritual and intellectual life, and to enable them to discuss and advance the work of the Church in the Rural Deanery.
8. The Chapter may make such rules for the furtherance of its objects as it may deem advisable, subject to the approval of the Bishop.
9. The principal object of the Ruri-Decanal Conference shall be the discussion of the missionary work of the Church.
10. It may consider any question submitted to it by the Bishop, Archdeacon, Rural Dean, or Ruri-Decanal Chapter, or proposed by any member of the Conference.

CANON XI.

Erection and Subdivision of Parishes

1. In any unorganized district the Bishop may be requested by the petition, duly signed by not less than ten members of the Church of England in Canada resident in such district, to give his consent to such Parish bounds as are therein specified, and to authorize the organization of a Parish as set forth in Canon XII., such petition being substantially in the form appended hereto.
 2. When the Bishop shall consider advisable the subdivision of any Parish or shall be moved thereto by the report of the Rural Dean, or petition of the Minister, he shall report such matter to the Executive Committee, stating the proposed bounds.
 3. The Minister of a Parish may at any time petition the Bishop for the re-arrangement of the bounds of such Parish.
 4. The proposed title of any Parish shall be submitted to the Bishop for his approval.
 5. Every petition to the Bishop relating to the bounds of proposed or existing Parishes shall be laid by him before the Executive Committee for their approval, as also any recommendations of his own, as in Clause 2.
- In the case of subdivision or re-arrangement of bounds, the Executive Committee shall appoint forthwith a committee of five of its number, two clerical and three lay, to act with the Rural Dean of the district affected, who shall be chairman.
- It shall be the business of this Committee to call upon the Ministers and Wardens of the Parishes affected, to state in writing their reasons for or against the action proposed, which statement shall be forwarded within thirty days of receipt of such call.
- This Committee shall thereupon report to the Executive Committee, and the decision of the majority thereof, with the Bishop, in this and all other cases of bounds, shall be final.
6. When the Bishop and the Executive Committee have given their approval to new Parish bounds, the Bishop shall then issue,

under his hand and seal, his formal consent in the form appended hereto, which consent shall be attested by the Lay Secretary of Synod on behalf of the Executive Committee.

7. The bounds of every Parish erected under the authority of this Canon, as well as of every existing Parish, shall be entered in a book, to be kept by the Registrar of the Diocese, and to be called the "Register of Parish Bounds."

8. The bounds as set forth in this Canon, and as registered under Clause 7, shall be held as legally fixed, for all purposes of these Canons, until altered by competent authority.

9. No Parish or Mission shall locate or change the location of its church building without the previous written consent of the Bishop and Executive Committee of the Diocese, and if such proposed location be within one-half mile of the church building of any other Parish, then it shall be necessary to have the written consent of the Minister and Wardens of such other Parish.

10. No building of a new church shall be undertaken or permanent mission station established in any organized or unorganized district without the consent of the Bishop and the Executive Committee.

Form of Petition for Erection of New Parish

....., B.C.,
Date.....A.D. 19.....

Right Reverend Father in God:

We, whose names are hereunto affixed, being members of the Church of England in Canada, do hereby respectfully ask that there be granted us permission to organize a Parish of the said Church in....., Diocese of British Columbia, under the name and title of....., the bounds of the said Parish to be (here state the proposed bounds), and that such Parish shall be duly erected according to Canon XI.

Your obedient children in the Church of God,

(Here shall follow the signatures, in ink, of the Petitioners).

Form of Erection and Consent to Organize

....., B.C.,
Date.....A.D. 19.....

The organization of a Parish in..... to be known as the Parish of..... in the Diocese of British Columbia, and to be bounded and limited as follows, having been duly considered by the Executive Committee of the Diocese and their consent given, I do hereby give my canonical consent to the organization and erection of the said Parish.

(Signature of the Bishop).

Attest:.....

Lay Secretary of Synod.

CANON XII.

Parochial Organization

Parishioners

paragraph.

1. Every member of the Church of England in Canada, being of full age, who shall have been an attendant at the Church within the district for which the meeting of Vestry is held for three months preceding the meeting, and who shall have signed the roll of Church Membership, shall be a Parishioner and shall be entitled to vote in Vestry, provided that, if required by the Chairman or any Parishioner present, he shall make and subscribe the following declaration:

I, A.B., solemnly declare that I am a member of the Church of England in Canada, and that I am an accustomed attendant of..... Church, and that I am duly qualified to vote under clause 1 of Canon XII.

2. In every Parish there shall be two Churchwardens selected from the communicants, one to be appointed by the Minister and one to be elected by the Parishioners; provided that, if the Minister declare his desire to waive his appointment, both the Churchwardens may be elected by the Parishioners.

3. In every Parish there shall be a Church Committee elected from and by the Parishioners, not less than three or more than ten in number.

4. The Minister and Churchwardens shall be ex-officio members of the Church Committee.

5. The Churchwardens, Church Committee, Missionary Committee, and Lay Representatives to Synod and Ruri-Decanal Conference shall be chosen annually at the Vestry Meeting of the Parishioners on the first Monday in each year or within thirty days thereafter.

6. All officers and officials of the Church, other than those whose election is specially provided for above, are to receive their appointment from the Minister in consultation with the Churchwardens.

7. Notification of the election of Churchwardens and Church Committee, with their postoffice addresses, shall be given by the Chairman of the Vestry to the Lay Secretary of Synod within ten days after the annual meeting.

8. Churchwardens and Church Committees shall continue in office until their successors are appointed.

9. Whether chosen by the Minister or Parishioners, the duty of the Churchwardens shall be the same.

10. If any Cure be vacant at the time fixed for the election and appointment of Churchwardens, one shall be elected by the Parishioners in Vestry assembled, and the other shall be appointed by the Bishop or his Commissary. The Churchwarden appointed by the Bishop shall remain in office until a Minister of the Parish shall have been duly appointed, and shall have nominated a Churchwarden.

11. A Churchwarden or member of Church Committee shall resign his office by notice in writing to the Minister, or to the Bishop or his Commissary, if appointed thereby.

12. No Churchwarden or Committeeman may be removed from office except by sentence of the Bishop under commission issued.

13. If the office of the Churchwarden chosen by the Parishioners, or of any Church Committeeman, shall become vacant by death, resignation, removal or otherwise, a meeting of the Vestry shall be called as soon as conveniently may be, to elect some other fit person to the vacant office. Provided that in the case of a Church Committeeman, his office may be temporarily filled by the Committee pending a meeting of the Vestry.

14. If the office of the Churchwarden appointed by the Minister shall at any time become vacant by death, resignation, removal or otherwise, it shall be the duty of the Minister to appoint some other fit person to the vacant office.

15. As soon as may be after the appointment by the Minister of a Churchwarden to fill a vacancy, he shall publicly announce to the congregation, during the time of Divine Worship, the name of such person, and shall cause a written notice of the said appointment to be forthwith affixed to the Church door.

Office of Churchwarden

16. The duties of the Churchwardens are the following:

(a) To see that Divine Service be regularly and decently performed, to procure by the aid of the Church Committee all things requisite for Divine Service, including:

- (1) A Surplice.
- (2) A Bible and Prayer Book, of sufficient size.
- (3) An Alms Dish.
- (4) A Paten, Chalice, Flagon, and Fair Linen Cloth.
- (5) The Bread and Wine for the Holy Communion.

(b) To have custody of all moneys belonging to the Parish; to collect the offerings; to see that the necessary funds are raised for diocesan, missionary, and parochial work; to attest after each service in a book, with the officiating Minister, all amounts collected; to keep the parochial accounts; in the case of self-supporting parishes, to pay the Minister's stipend punctually upon the first day of each month, such stipend being the first charge upon the ordinary income of the Parish; to pay all sums received to the specific purposes; to provide for the supply and safe custody of parochial records, and to report all defects and irregularities to the Bishop.

(c) To see that the yearly accounts, duly audited, be laid before the Vestry at the annual meeting, and that a copy of the audited accounts be sent to the Lay Secretary of the Synod on the form appended to this Canon.

(d) To hand over to their successors in office any balance in hand after the auditing of the accounts, together with the Church goods, inventory and terrier.

(e) To bring to the notice of the Minister any matter requiring his attention.

(f) To keep a book in which shall be registered the names of the Parishioners, and to promote as far as possible their registration.

(g) To attend on the visitation of the Bishop or his Commissary, or the Archdeacon, whenever cited.

Attendance

(h) To report to the Bishop the death of the Minister, or his inability from any cause to perform his duties.

(i) To see that all the property belonging to the Parish is in repair and insured, subject to the direction of the Archdeacon, and all premiums and taxes paid.

(j) To make or allow no alterations or additions in or to the Church fabric without the sanction of the Bishop and the Executive Committee.

(k) To take care that order be preserved in the Church.

(l) To see that the Parishioners be sufficiently accommodated in the Church.

(m) To take charge of the Parsonage during the vacancy of the Parish.

(n) To make all contracts on behalf of the Parish, having previously obtained the consent of the Church Committee.

(o) To undertake, with the Minister, the management and control of the Church Cemetery or Cemeteries within the Parish, subject to the terms of any trust affecting the same, and subject to the Canon on Cemeteries.

(p) To set an example of regular attendance and hearty response on the part of the congregation, and generally to assist the Minister by zeal and moral support in all matters affecting the welfare and advancement of the Parish. The Minister has a right to the keys of the Church and to the use of the Church for the celebration of Divine Service whenever he thinks fit, and he has a discretionary power in all arrangements appertaining to Public Worship, that is to say, it is his province to fix the hours of service, to select psalms, hymns and anthems, to direct the Church music, and to settle the mode and times of singing and chanting; but should the times of service appointed by the Minister be, in the judgment of the Churchwardens, unsuitable, or should the Minister exhibit any great irregularity in the performance of Divine Service, it is the duty of the Churchwardens to represent the case to the Bishop, and the same should be done if the teaching of the Minister be contrary to the Liturgy or the Articles of the Church of England in Canada, or if he be irregular or immoral in his life or negligent in the discharge of his duties in the Parish. In matters of such grave importance, however, the Churchwardens should exercise due caution, and in no case present their Minister to the Bishop without the calm deliberation befitting so responsible a duty.

(q) To ask for and examine the licence of the Minister upon taking charge of the Parish, and to see that the names of all officiating Ministers be noted in the Service Register which they shall have ready for the purpose, wherein every such officiating Minister shall subscribe his name, and the day when he officiated, in order that the Bishop may understand (if occasion so require) what Ministers officiate in every Church other than those licensed to the several Parishes.

(r) The Churchwardens, upon appointment to their office, shall sign the following declaration: "I, A.B., declare that I will consent to be bound by the Constitution and Canons which are now in force, and which may from time to time be made by the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of British Columbia, and that I will faithfully perform the duties of my office."

Church Committee

17. It shall be the duty of the Church Committee to co-operate with the Churchwardens in the registration of Church members within the Parish; in the collection of contributions for general or special purposes; in managing the funds of the Parish, and in taking care that the Minister's stipend be punctually and regularly paid; and generally in dealing with all matters connected with the temporalities and efficiency of the Parish.

18. The Parishioners shall be duly summoned for consultation and co-operation when an unusually large expenditure is proposed, or when money must be raised to meet such an expenditure.

Missionary Committee

19. The duty of the Missionary Committee shall be to take special cognizance of the relation of the Parish to missionary objects within and without the Diocese, by acting with the Church Committee in bringing the claims of such objects before the parishioners, and by making suitable arrangements for the collection of their contributions.

Erection and Alteration of Churches, Etc.

20. No new structure of a permanent nature shall be erected on any Church property, or any alterations or additions made to any existing structure until the plans and specifications thereof have been submitted to and approved by the Bishop and the Executive Committee.

Books

21. The following books are to be kept by the parochial authorities:

- (a) Register book or books of baptisms, confirmations, banns, marriages and burials.
- (b) A register of all services that take place in the Church, with the names of the officiating Ministers, and the amount of alms or collections in Church to be attested after each service by the Minister and Churchwardens.
- (c) A book for entering the minutes and resolutions of the Vestry Meeting and Church Committee.
- (d) A book for the Parish accounts.
- (e) A register book for entering the names of all Parishioners, distinguishing those who are communicants.
- (f) The Electoral Roll of the Parish.
- (g) A Book of the Canons of the Diocese.
- (h) An inventory of all Church goods belonging to the Parish, and a terrier of the lands.

Meeting of Vestry and Church Committee

22. In every Parish there shall be a meeting of the Parishioners on the first Monday in each year, or within thirty days after, for the purpose of receiving and passing the year's accounts and of appointing and electing Churchwardens and Church Committee, Missionary Committee, Lay Representatives to Synod, and Delegates to the Ruridecanal Conference, and the order of proceedings shall be as follows:—

- (1) Prayer.
- (2) Reading, correcting and approving minutes of the previous meeting.
- (3) Receiving report of Churchwardens, and other reports.
- (4) Appointment of Warden by Minister.
- (5) Election by Parishioners of
 - (a) Warden.
 - (b) Church Committee.
 - (c) Missionary Committee.
 - (d) Lay Representatives to Synod, and —
 - (e) To Ruri-Decanal Conference.
- (6) Other business.
- (7) Adjournment with prayer.

23. The Minister shall be the convener of the Vestry and Church Committee; if there be no Minister, then the Churchwardens shall convene such meetings.

24. The Minister shall call a meeting of the Vestry or Church Committee on receiving a written requisition to that effect, signed by the Churchwardens and by a majority of the Church Committee, or on such requisition signed by any ten parishioners.

25. The presence of at least one-third of the members of the Church Committee, and one of the Churchwardens, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum of the Church Committee.

26. Notice of every meeting of the Vestry must be given in writing or printing, signed by the convener, and posted up conspicuously at or near the Church door, at least ten days before the day on which the meeting is to be held.

27. The notice must state the time and place at which, and the purpose for which the meeting is to be held, and shall be in the following form:

Form of Notice

"Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the parishioners of this Parish will be held on the.....day of..... at.....o'clock, in the.....for the purpose of.....

Dated this.....day of....., 19....

.....
Convener.

"The definition of 'parishioner' in Canon XII. on 'Parochial Organization,' is as follows:

Every member of the Church of England in Canada, being of full age, who shall have been an attendant at the Church within the district for which the meeting of Vestry is held for the three months preceding the meeting, and who shall have signed the roll of Church Membership, shall be a parishioner and shall be entitled to vote in Vestry."

28. Similar notice shall also be given by the Minister in the Church on the Sunday preceding the meeting.
29. At a meeting of the Vestry duly convened and held, the votes of parishioners present shall be recorded, and such votes shall bind those who are absent. //
30. The Minister shall be Chairman of all meetings of the Vestry or Church Committee. If the Parish be vacant or if the Minister be absent, the Vestry or Church Committee, as the case may be, shall elect as Chairman one of the Churchwardens.
31. The Chairman shall have the usual powers appertaining to the Chairman at any other public meeting. It shall be his duty to remain in the chair until the business is concluded or the meeting adjourned, to keep the meeting, when necessary, to the specified purpose of its assembling, and to decide all questions of order. In addition to his own vote, he shall have a casting vote in the case of a tie.
32. The right of adjournment shall not be in the Minister or any other person as Chairman or in the Churchwardens or Church Committee, but in the whole assembly, and the question of adjournment shall be decided by the majority of votes.
33. Minutes of the proceedings and resolutions of every Vestry meeting or Church Committee meeting shall be correctly entered in a book and signed by the Chairman.
34. All questions in dispute between the Minister and Church Committee, or between the Church Committee and Vestry, are to be referred to the Bishop or his Commissary for decision.
35. The Minister and Churchwardens, or if there be no Churchwardens, then the Minister alone shall annually prepare, and, at least fifteen days before the meeting of the Synod, transmit to the Executive Committee, a table of statistics according to a form to be furnished by the Executive Committee.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

of Parish (or Mission) of
for Year Ending

RECEIPTS

Parochial:

Envelopes
Offerings
Any Other Sources.....

Missions:

Envelopes { D.M.F.
 { M.S.C.C.

Offerings:

Advent (D.M.F.)
Christmas (C.W. and O.F.)
Epiphany (M.S.C.C.)
Good Friday (Jews)
Whitsunday (D.M.F.)
Ascensiontide (M.S.C.C.)
Harvest Festival
Other Occasions or Objects

Other Extra Parochial Objects

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EXPENDITURES

Parochial:

Ministers' Stipends, or)
Quebec Assessment {
Organist
Caretaker
Other Stipends
Fuel, Light, Power
Repairs
Taxes
Insurance
Other Current Charges.....

Missions:

M.S.C.C.
D.M.F.
C.W. and O.F.
Jews
Other Objects.....

Extra Parochial Objects:

.....
New Buildings
Purchase of Land
Permanent Improvements
Mortgages, Principal
" Interest
Funded Indebtedness

ASSETS

Value of Churches and Furni-
ture
Value of Parsonage
Value of School Building and
Furniture
Value of Sites

LIABILITIES

Indebtedness to Minister....
" on Mortgages..
Other Debts

INSURANCE

Church Buildings
" Furniture
Parsonage
School Buildings
" Furniture.....

Are all Premiums Paid?

CANON XIII.

Easter Offerings

All the open offerings in every Parish and Mission upon Easter Day shall be appropriated to the personal use of the Incumbent as an addition to his stipulated income.

CANON XIV.

Inspection and Repairs of Parochial Buildings

1. The Executive Committee shall, from time to time, appoint an inspector to inspect the Church and premises, Parsonage and other Church buildings, in each Parish. Such inspector shall be an architect or otherwise qualified to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee.
2. The Executive Committee shall cause such inspector to make a thorough examination of all such buildings and premises at least once in every five years, and to send a report of the condition thereof to the said Committee.
3. Such report shall deal with the repairs necessary to Parsonages under two divisions, named respectively "Schedule A" and "Schedule B." The Minister of the Parish shall be responsible for the repairs under "Schedule A," and the parishioners for the repairs under "Schedule B."
4. The cost of such inspection shall be borne by the Synod.
5. Upon receiving the report of the inspector, the Lay Secretary of Synod shall give notice to the Minister of the repairs required under Schedule A, and to the Churchwardens of the repairs required under Schedule B.
6. When the repairs shall have been completed, for which a period of not more than six months shall be allowed, notice of the same shall be sent to the Lay Secretary of Synod, who shall then request the inspector to make a careful examination of the same, and to report thereon to the Executive Committee.
7. Before the vacation of any Cure there shall be an inspection of buildings as provided for above, and upon the inspector's report being received, the Executive Committee shall take the necessary steps to see that the Parsonage be in a fit and proper condition of repair before the new Minister shall enter into residence.
8. The requirements of this Canon are applicable to all Parishes, endowed and otherwise.

Schedule A

All repairs to glass, doors, locks, fastenings, and shelves; any damage caused by neglect or carelessness of the occupier, or which may not be chargeable as fair wear and tear nor arise from earthquake, fire, flood, tempest, or inevitable accident, or from original defect in construction.

Schedule B

All repairs to walls, chimneys and roofs of parsonages or out-houses; painting, and all other repairs not included under Schedule A.

CANON XV.

Management of Cemeteries

1. The Minister and Churchwardens for the time being shall have the management and control of the Cemetery, subject to the general superintendence of the Archdeacon.
2. Every Cemetery shall be fenced and surveyed and mapped into burial spaces, measuring 5 feet by 10 feet, and upon the completion of such survey the Ministers and Churchwardens shall petition the Bishop of the Diocese for the consecration of the ground, and such petition shall be accompanied by a certified copy of the survey.
3. Burial spaces of the above dimensions may be disposed of in perpetuity for the sum of seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50), which payment, together with others hereinafter to be mentioned in the Scale of Charges, shall be devoted by the Minister and Churchwardens to a Fund, which shall be reserved for the necessary expenses of clearing, enclosing, improving and maintaining the Cemetery in good order. Persons on purchase of burial spaces shall receive the following document, signed by the Minister and one of the Churchwardens:

"Received this.....day of.....19....
from A. B., of the sum
of for that piece of ground, part of
the Church of England Cemetery at
numbered on the map of the Cemetery, in the
custody of the Minister and Churchwardens of
The above piece of ground to be held by the said A. B., subject to
the Canon and to the Rules for the time being in force, for the manage-
ment of the Cemetery."
4. No appropriated burial space shall be opened without the written authority of the owner of such space, or his legal personal representatives, unless for the burial of one of the immediate family of such owner; provided always, that it shall in no case be opened contrary to the expressed wish of the owner.
5. Applications for the purchase of burial spaces, or for burial, shall be made to the Minister and Churchwardens of the Parish.
6. The following shall be the Scale of Charges, unless otherwise ordered by the Vestry of the Parish:

(a) A burial space 5 ft. by 10 ft. in perpetuity.....	\$7.50
(b) A burial in a grave 5 ft. deep.....	5.00
(c) A burial in a grave for child under 10 years of age.....	2.50
(d) For any depth beyond 5 ft., every foot extra.....	1.00
7. The Minister and Churchwardens may remove, at their discretion, any enclosure or fencing which may be in a state of dilapidation, from any burial spaces, after due notice of such intended removal, given, if possible, to the owners of such burial spaces.
8. The position of the graves or vaults, and the general arrangement and laying out of the grounds shall be determined by the Minister and Churchwardens, subject to the approval of the Archdeacon.

9. No monument, gravestones, or erection of any kind, shall be placed in any Cemetery without the consent, in writing, of the Minister, nor shall any inscription on any work, monument, gravestones or railing, be made without the consent, in writing, of the Minister, reserving to the Archdeacon the power of ordering the removal of any inscription or obstruction, subject to an appeal to the Bishop, as hereinafter provided.

10. In case of any dispute arising between the Minister and Churchwardens, an appeal may be made to the Archdeacon, and an appeal from any decision of the Archdeacon may be made to the Bishop, whose decision shall be final.

11. Except as directed by legal authority in that behalf, no body shall be disinterred for removal, without the consent of the Bishop, or in his absence, of the Archdeacon.

12. No burial service shall be held in the Church except by the Minister of the Parish or his substitute, or in the Cemetery except by him or with his consent.

CANON XVI.

Registration of Ministrations

1. It shall be the duty of every Minister officiating in this Diocese to cause to be registered in a Parish Register or Registers for that purpose, the names of all persons baptized, confirmed, married or buried. If the district where such ministrations are performed is not an organized Parish, it shall be the duty of the officiant to send a true copy of the record of such ministration to the Incumbent of the Parish nearest thereto, for registration.

2. It shall be the duty of the officiating Minister to give a certificate, in the case of Baptisms and Marriages, to the parties concerned therewith.

3. In case a second certificate may be required, or a copy of the record of any Baptism, Marriage or Burial be applied for, a fee of \$1.00 may be asked for the said copy.

4. It shall be the duty of every Incumbent or Minister holding a Register, to render to the Diocesan Registrar of Parochial Ministrations, on forms supplied for that purpose, a complete list of all such ministrations, viz.: Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, by the 31st day of December in each year, to be recorded in the Diocesan Register.

5. Should application be made for a copy from the Diocesan Register, a fee of \$1.00 may be charged for any such copy.

(N.B.—All entries previous to September 1st, 1872, according to Cap. 33, 61 Vict., Sec. 23, are accepted by the Registrar General of the Province.)

CANON XVII.

Marriage

No marriages shall be solemnized elsewhere than in Church, except for some weighty and sufficient cause to the contrary. Notification of such marriages shall be sent to the Bishop, or his Commissary, together with the reason therefor, within fourteen days of the celebration of such marriage.

(The following are Canons III. and V. of the General Synod:

III. Of certain marriages forbidden to be solemnized by the Clergy of the Church of England in Canada.

1. The Table of Degrees prohibiting certain marriages set forth by authority in the year of our Lord 1563, and usually annexed to or included in the Book of Common Prayer, is hereby adopted by the General Synod.

2. No Clergyman within the jurisdiction of said Synod shall knowingly solemnize a marriage within the degrees prohibited by such table.

3. A copy of said Table of Prohibited Degrees shall be placed in the Vestry Room and near the entrance of every Church within the said jurisdiction, in some place where it may conveniently be read.

V. Marriage and Divorce.

No Clergyman within the jurisdiction of the Church of England in Canada shall solemnize a marriage between persons either of whom shall have been divorced from one who is living at the time.)

CANON XVIII.

Lay Readers

1. The duty of Lay Reader shall be to read the Word of God in the Congregation, and, in the absence or illness of Minister, to read in the Congregation any portions of the Morning and Evening Prayer (not including the Absolution or any part of the Communion Service), and such Sermons as he shall be duly authorized to use; and to preach or expound the Word, if he be specially licensed thereto by the Bishop; and generally to aid in parochial and mission work and perform such functions as it is competent for a Lay Member of the Church to perform, as he shall be directed to discharge, under the authority of the Bishop.

2. The appointment to the office of Lay Reader shall be made by the Bishop.

3. He shall have either a general license or for a particular Parish.

4. He shall not be employed in any place but at the request or with the consent of the Minister, and he shall be entirely under his control and direction and shall be removed at his request.

5. He shall be admitted to the office at such place and in such form as the Bishop may appoint.

6. The Licence of a Lay Reader shall terminate on December 31 of each year, but may be revoked at pleasure by the Bishop or at the written request of the Incumbent who nominated him.

7. The proper place of ministry for a Lay Reader is the reading desk, prayer desk, Litany desk or lectern. The portions of the order of Morning or Evening Prayer which may be read by him should be specified by endorsement on the Licence, and should not be those which are specifically ordered to be read by a Priest or Minister, except the Lessons. A Reader may read the Litany up to the Lord's Prayer, and any of the Occasional Prayers or Thanksgivings, the

Prayer of St. Chrysostom, and "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ," etc. When officiating at Morning or Evening Prayer he shall wear the surplice.

CANON XIX.

Church Discipline

1. There shall be a Court of this Diocese called "Court of the Diocese of British Columbia," for the prosecution, hearing and trial of all ecclesiastical causes within this Diocese, and of all offences of the Laity, as well as the Clergy, against the laws ecclesiastical, against the provisions of the statutes constituting and affecting the Synod, and against the Constitution and Canons of the Synod.
2. Every Priest, Deacon or Layman, holding the license of the Bishop of this Diocese, or any office or charge under his jurisdiction, who is charged with any of the offences hereinafter mentioned or concerning whom there exists scandal or evil report as having been guilty of any such offences, shall be liable to trial and punishment as hereinafter provided; the offences referred to are as follows: Any crime or immorality, drunkenness, profane swearing, or any other scandalous, licentious or disorderly conduct; any wrong-doing or wilful neglect in the discharge of the duties of any office or position of trust to which he has been appointed by the Bishop or the Synod; discontinuing the exercise of his Ministerial office without lawful cause or leave of the Bishop; ceasing, without permission of the Bishop, to perform service in or at the Church or Churches within the Parish, Mission or Charge to which he has been appointed; exercising any lay profession or occupation unconnected with his sacred calling, without the sanction of the Bishop; the disuse, after notice from the Bishop, of Public Worship or of the Holy Communion according to the offices of the Church; the infringement, after notice from the Bishop, of the rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer; schism, or separating himself from the Communion of the Church; heresy, or teaching or maintaining doctrines contrary to those of the Church, such teaching or maintaining being by way of writing or printing, preaching or public teaching, or circulating books containing such doctrines; holding Service in any other Clergyman's Church or Parish without such Clergyman's consent; permitting unauthorized persons to officiate in the Church; non-residence without leave of the Bishop; officiating at the regular public services of religious bodies not in Communion with the Church of England; any violation of the provisions of the Statutes constituting the Synod, or of the Constitution of the Synod, or of any of the Canons of the Synod; incapacity or neglect in the discharge of his parochial duties whereby his usefulness in his Parish or Mission appears to be gone.
3. In the following sections of this Canon, the person complaining is called "the complainant," and the person against whom a complaint is made is called "the respondent."
4. The Bishop, on the application of any complainant, or if he thinks fit, of his mere motion, may issue a Commission under his hand and seal to five Priests, of whom one shall be an Archdeacon or Rural Dean within his Diocese, or in case of the absence or sickness of the Archdeacon, should there be only one Archdeacon of the Diocese.

without written permission from the Bishop or his commissary

then to any five Priests whom the Bishop appoints, for the purpose of making inquiry as to the grounds of such charge or scandal or evil report; provided always that the notice of the intention to issue such Commission under the hand of the Bishop containing an intimation of the nature of the offence, together with the names, condition and residence of the complainant (if any), shall be sent by the Bishop to the respondent fourteen days at least before such Commission shall issue; provided also that no Commission shall issue on the application of any complainant until he has first given to the Bishop and his successors in office, a bond, to be approved of by the Bishop, in the penal sum of \$200, to pay all costs and expenses that the respondent may have incurred in case he is acquitted of the complaint, or the complaint is dismissed for want of due prosecution.

5. The said Commissioners, or any three of them, may examine under the declaration allowed by law all witnesses who are tendered to them for examination, as well by any person alleging the truth of the charge or report as by the respondent, and all witnesses whom they deem it necessary to summon for the purpose of fully prosecuting the enquiry and ascertaining whether there is sufficient prima facie ground for instituting further proceedings.

6. Notice of the time when, and place where, every such meeting of the Commissioners is to be held shall be given in writing, under the hand of one of the Commissioners, to the respondent seven days at least before the meeting.

7. The respondent or his agent may attend the proceedings of the Commission and examine any of the witnesses.

8. All such preliminary proceedings shall be private; and when such preliminary proceedings have been closed one of the said Commissioners shall, after due consideration by them of the depositions taken before them, openly and publicly declare the opinion of the majority of such Commissioners present at such enquiry whether there is or is not sufficient prima facie ground for instituting further proceedings.

9. The said Commissioners, or any three of them, shall transmit to the Bishop under their hands and seals, the depositions of witnesses taken before them, and also a report of the opinion of the majority of the Commissioners present at such enquiry, whether there is or is not sufficient prima facie ground for instituting proceedings against the respondent; and such report shall be filed with the Registrar of this Diocese; and if the respondent holds any preferment in any other Diocese, the Bishop to whom the report is made shall transmit a copy thereof, and of the depositions to the Bishop of such other Diocese, and shall also, upon the application of the respondent, cause to be delivered to him a copy of the said report and of the depositions, on payment of a reasonable sum for the same, not exceeding ten cents for each folio of one hundred words.

10. Whenever a complaint has been made under this Canon against any Priest, Deacon or Layman, and the consent of such Priest, Deacon or Layman and of the complainant has been first obtained in writing; or whenever a confession in writing by such Priest, Deacon or Layman has anticipated any proceedings for the issuing of a Commission

under this Canon, the Bishop of the Diocese may, without any further proceedings, pronounce such sentence as the said Bishop thinks fit, not exceeding a sentence which might be pronounced in due course of law, and all such sentences shall be as good and effectual in law as if pronounced after a hearing according to the provisions of this Canon, and may be enforced by the like means.

11. If the Commissioners report that there is sufficient prima facie ground for instituting proceedings, and if the Bishop of the Diocese or the complainant thereupon thinks fit to proceed against the respondent, articles shall be drawn up by the direction of the Bishop or at the instance of the complainant which, when approved and signed by a Barrister-at-Law, shall, together with a copy of the depositions taken by the Commissioners, be filed with the Registrar of this Diocese; and the complainant or respondent or any person acting for either of them, shall be entitled to inspect without fee such copy, and to require and have, on demand from the Registrar (who is hereby required to deliver the same), copies of such depositions, on payment of a reasonable sum for the same, not exceeding ten cents for each folio of one hundred words.

12. A copy of the articles so filed shall be forthwith served upon the respondent by personally delivering the same to him, or by leaving the same at his usual or last known place of residence; and no such Articles shall be proceeded upon until after the expiration of fourteen days from the day on which such copy has been served.

13. At any time after the expiration of the said fourteen days, the Bishop, by writing under his hand, may require the respondent to appear before him either in person or by his agent duly appointed at any convenient place within this Diocese and to make answer to the said Articles within such time as to the Bishop seems reasonable; and if the respondent appears, and by his answer admits the truth of the Articles, the Bishop or his Commissary specially appointed for that purpose shall forthwith proceed to pronounce sentence thereupon, according to the ecclesiastical law, and the Statutes of the Province of British Columbia in such case made and provided.

14. Every notice or requisition to be given or made in pursuance of this Canon shall be served on the person to whom the same respectively relates, in the same manner as is hereby directed with respect to the service of a copy of the Articles on the respondent.

15. If the respondent refuses or neglects to appear and make answer to the said Articles, or appears and makes any answer other than an unqualified admission of the truth thereof, the Bishop shall proceed to hear the cause, with the assistance of Assessors nominated by him, one of whom shall be his Chancellor, or a Barrister of not less than seven years' standing, and another the Dean of his Cathedral Church, or one of his Archdeacons; and upon the hearing of such cause the Bishop shall determine the same and pronounce sentence thereupon, according to the ecclesiastical law and the Statutes of British Columbia in such case made and provided.

16. All sentences pronounced by the Bishop or his Commissary in pursuance of this Canon shall be good and effectual, and binding on all persons concerned therein; and such sentences may extend to

admonition, suspension, deposition, expulsion, deprivation, or excommunication. Should the sentence be admonition, it may be public or private, as the Bishop determines. When a penalty of suspension is inflicted, such sentence shall specify the terms thereof and the period of duration. The removal of a Clerk in Holy Orders from office in a Church shall be considered to include deposition and deprivation. Upon such sentence being pronounced, the connection between the respondent and his Parish or Congregation shall be ipso facto severed, and all other offices, rents, issues, profits and emoluments which he may have held by virtue of the office or ministry from which he has been removed shall wholly cease and determine. A copy of the sentence shall be sent to the respondent and another to the Vestry or Vestries of the Parish or Parishes, Congregation or Congregations with which he may be canonically connected, and such other publicity may be given to it as the Bishop or his Commissary may deem expedient.

17. It shall be within the power of the Bishop, by virtue of his office, and not inconsistent with or contrary to this Canon, to admonish those offending, which admonition, for any offence mentioned in the second section of this Canon not made a subject for judicial enquiry or presentment, shall be made in private; upon a subsequent offence it shall be public or private at the discretion of the Bishop, and made in such manner as to the Bishop seems proper.

18. In every case in which from the nature of the offence charged it appears to the Bishop that great scandal is likely to arise from the respondent continuing to perform the services of the Church while such charge is under investigation, or that his ministration will be useless while such charge is pending, the Bishop may cause a notice to be served on him, or at any time pending any proceedings under this Canon, inhibiting him from performing any services of the Church within this Diocese, from and after the expiration of fourteen days from the service of such notice, and until sentence has been given in such cause. And the Bishop shall make such provision for the service of the Church, and for such remuneration to the person performing the same, as to him seems necessary, and he shall provide for the payment of such remuneration, if necessary by sequestration of the living; provided also, that the Bishop may at any time revoke any such inhibition and license respectively.

19. Any person who thinks himself aggrieved by any judgment pronounced by the Bishop, may appeal from such judgment, and such appeal shall be to the Court of Appeals of the Metropolitan; or in the absence thereof to the Judicial Committee of the Supreme Court of Appeal of the Church of England in Canada.

20. At any such enquiry, any three or more of the Commissioners, or in any such proceeding, the Bishop, or any Assessor of the Bishop, may require the attendance of such witnesses, and the production of such deeds, evidences or writings, as are necessary.

21. Every witness examined in pursuance of this Canon shall give his or her evidence upon solemn declaration, as provided for by "The Canada Evidence Act."

22. Every suit or proceeding against any Priest, Deacon or Layman, for any offence specified in this Canon, or against the provisions

of the Statute constituting the Synod, or against the Constitution and Canons of the Synod, shall be commenced within two years from the time that the commission of the offence, in respect of which the suit or proceedings is instituted, shall have become publicly known, and not afterwards; provided always, that whenever any such suit or proceeding is brought in respect of an offence for which a conviction has been obtained in any Court of Law, such suit or proceedings may be brought against the person convicted at any time within six calendar months after such conviction, although more than two years may have elapsed since the time that the commission of the offence, in respect of which such suit or proceedings is so brought, shall have become publicly known.

CANON XX.

Diocesan Registrar

1. There shall be a Registrar of the Diocese, who shall be appointed by the Bishop, and remain in office during the pleasure of the Bishop.
2. The Synod shall provide a safe place of deposit for the use of the Registrar, and a seal and such books, registers, and paper forms as shall be required by him for the proper performance of his duties.
3. The Registrar shall also, as far as may be (under the direction of the Synod) be the historiographer of the Diocese, and shall keep a record of all such matters and things as shall from time to time be directed by the Synod to be recorded, and shall be the proper and authorized custodian of the archives of the Diocese, and of such archives of the several parishes thereof as may from time to time be committed to his charge.
4. He shall prepare and forward all letters of orders, licences, letters of institution, mandates of induction and other official documents, as directed by the Bishop or his Commissary, and shall keep a correct record of the same, and for so doing he shall receive the following fees:

For letters of orders for deacons	\$1.00
For letters of orders for priests	1.00
For licences	1.00
For letters of institution	1.00
For mandates of induction	1.00
For letters of orders and licence	1.00

And for all services in connection with the registration of papers or other documents in relation to the consecration of a church or graveyard, he shall receive the sum of one dollar.

5. He shall enter in a book, to be provided by the Synod for the purpose, all such official acts of the Synod as he shall be directed by the Synod to enter therein. He shall keep a record of the names and dates of appointment of all dignitaries in the Diocese and of the officers of the Synod. He shall keep a list of the Clergy of the Diocese, showing: (a) The dates of their respective orders, and (b) a list of the various parishes and missions in which they have served, with dates.
6. Upon payment to him of a fee of twenty-five cents he shall, when so required by an authorized person, produce any parish register,

registration paper, statement of property, document, or other paper or copy thereof, filed or deposited with him, for inspection, or examination, and shall, upon application, furnish a copy thereof or of any entry therein, duly certified as such by him under his hand and the seal of the Registrar of the Synod, for which he shall be entitled to charge a fee of fifty cents, and five cents per folio additional when the same exceeds two folios.

7. In case of a vacancy in the office of Registrar by resignation, inability to act, removal from office or from the Diocese, or otherwise, the Registrar, or, in case of his death, his representative, shall immediately deliver to the Registrar appointed in his place or to the Executive Committee, or such persons as they shall appoint to receive the same, all books, records, documents, and other papers and property belonging to the Synod, or which were in the possession or control of the Registrar as an officer of the Synod.

APPENDIX

The Anglican Bishops' Corporation Act.

[44 Vict.]

[Cap. 2.]

A.D. 1881.

An Act to constitute the Bishops of British Columbia, Caledonia, and New Westminster Corporations sole.

[25th March, 1881.]

Whereas, the Bishop of British Columbia has been constituted a Corporation sole by Royal Letters Patent, and has in that capacity received, held and conveyed real estate.

And whereas, the Diocese of British Columbia has been divided into three sees, the Bishopric of British Columbia, the Bishopric of Caledonia, and the Bishopric of New Westminster:

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:—

1. The present Bishop of British Columbia is, and he and his successors in office duly elected or acknowledged by the Synod of his Diocese, or otherwise duly appointed and consecrated by lawful authority Bishops of British Columbia, shall be a Corporation sole with perpetual succession, retaining the name of the Lord Bishop of British Columbia as heretofore used, with power to acquire and hold lands, and all real estate conveyed to or vested in the Bishops of British Columbia, whether in trust or otherwise, shall be vested in the said Corporation sole, with power, subject to all existing trusts, to sell, convey, lease, mortgage, or otherwise deal with the same or any part thereof.

2. The present Bishop of Caledonia and his successors in office, duly elected or acknowledged by the Synod of the Diocese of Caledonia, or otherwise duly appointed and consecrated by lawful authority Bishops of Caledonia, shall be a Corporation sole with perpetual succession, retaining the name of the Lord Bishop of Caledonia as heretofore used, with power to acquire and hold lands, and all real estate conveyed to or vested in the Bishop of Caledonia, whether in trust or otherwise, shall be vested in the said Corporation sole, with power, subject to all existing trusts, to sell, convey, lease, mortgage, or otherwise deal with the same or any part thereof.

3. The present Bishop of New Westminster and his successors in office, duly elected or acknowledged by the Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster, or otherwise duly appointed and consecrated by lawful authority Bishops of New Westminster, shall be a Corporation sole with perpetual succession, retaining the name of the Lord Bishop of New Westminster as heretofore used, with power to acquire and hold lands, and all real estate conveyed to or vested in the Bishop of New Westminster, whether in trust or otherwise, shall be vested in

the said Corporation sole, with power, subject to all existing trusts, to sell, convey, lease, mortgage, or otherwise deal with the same or any part thereof.

4. The extent of real estate held by the said Bishops in their corporate capacity respectively within the Province of British Columbia, shall not exceed 5,000 acres each at any time.

5. Nothing in this Act contained shall, or shall be deemed to confer any spiritual or ecclesiastical rights whatsoever upon the said Episcopal corporations hereby continued or created.

6. The short title of this Act shall be "Anglican Bishops' Corporation Act"

The Synod Incorporation Act.

[52 Vict.]

[Cap. 30.]

A.D. 1889.

An Act to incorporate the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of British Columbia.

[6th April, 1889.]

Whereas a petition has been presented from the Bishop and the Synod of the Diocese of British Columbia, such Diocese consisting of Vancouver Island and other lands adjacent, praying that the Synod should be incorporated, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition:

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:—

1. The Synod of the Diocese of British Columbia shall be, and the same is hereby, made and constituted a body politic and corporate, under the name of "The Anglican Synod of the Diocese of British Columbia," hereinafter called the Corporation.

2. The said Corporation shall consist of the Bishop of the said Diocese and his successors, to be from time to time appointed in such manner as is or shall be provided by the said Synod, or the Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province hereafter to be formed, and of such other persons as are or may become members thereof, according to the constitution of the said Diocesan Synod, as the same exists at the time of the passing of this Act (which constitution is set forth in Schedule A of this Act), or as the said constitution may, from time to time, be altered by the said Provincial Synod, or by the said Diocesan Synod, acting with the powers vested in it by the Provincial Synod aforesaid.

3. Such Corporation shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to change, alter, break, and renew the same when and so often as they shall think proper, and the said Corporation may, under the same name, contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded with, answer and defend in all Courts and places whatsoever; and the said Corporation shall be able and capable in law, respectively, to purchase, take, hold, give, receive, enjoy, possess and retain all messuages, lands, tenements, and immovable property, money, goods, chattels, and movable property which have

been or hereafter shall be paid, given, granted, appropriated, devised or bequeathed to it, or purchased by it, in any manner or way whatsoever, to, for, or in favour of the eleemosynary, ecclesiastical, and educational uses and purposes, within the Province of British Columbia, of the Church of England, including thereby the uses and purposes of any parish, mission, institution, school, or hospital, connected with the Church of England in British Columbia.

4. The Corporation shall, in addition to the powers conferred upon it by the next preceding section of this Act, and subject to the provisions thereof, have power to sell, convey, exchange, alienate, mortgage, lease or demise any lands, tenements and hereditaments held by the said Corporation, whether simply by way of investment for the uses and purposes set forth in the next preceding section of this Act or not; and the Corporation may also, from time to time, invest all or any of its funds and moneys, and all or any funds and personal property which may be vested in, or acquired by the Corporation for eleemosynary, ecclesiastical, or educational purposes aforesaid, in and upon any mortgage security or lands, tenements and hereditaments, and in other securities in any part or parts of British Columbia; and for the purposes of such investment may take, receive, and accept a mortgage or mortgages, or any assignment or assignments thereof, whether such mortgage or assignment be made and executed directly to it in its own corporate name, or to some other corporation or body politic and corporate, or to some company or person or persons in trust for it, and shall have and enjoy the same, and as large, full and ample powers and rights of sale and foreclosure, action and suit upon and for the purpose of enforcing the covenants, stipulations, conditions, and agreements, and all matters and things contained in such mortgages, or any of them, and in as ample a manner, as if it were a private person able and capable in law; and furthermore may sell, grant, assign and transfer such mortgages, or any of them, to any person, company or body capable of receiving any assignment thereof, and may release and discharge such mortgages, or any of them, either wholly or partly.

5. The said Corporation shall, in the case of land held by it, be able to set apart a portion of such land for the purpose of making a road, or to make a free grant of a portion not exceeding one acre in extent for the purpose of a school, hospital, or other necessary public object.

6. It shall be lawful for the Corporation of the Bishop of British Columbia, or any other corporation, or any person or persons, to transfer any property, real or personal, held in trust by him or them for the aforesaid eleemosynary, ecclesiastical, or educational uses of the Church of England, or the Church of England in British Columbia, to the said Corporation, to be held in trust for the same purposes.

7. The said Corporation may exercise all its power by and through the executive committee as established by the constitution aforesaid, or such other boards or committees as the said Corporation may from time to time appoint by resolution for the management of all or any of the affairs or property of the said Corporation, but in accordance only with the trusts relating to any property to which any special trust is attached; the said Synod may also appoint a treasurer or treasurers, and make such regulations for the management and administration of its property as it shall see fit. The Corporation shall also have the

right of appointing any officer or other needful agent or agents for the management of its affairs, and shall have all other rights necessarily incident to a body corporate.

8. The terms "the Church of England," or "the Church of England in British Columbia," in all deeds, instruments and documents that have been heretofore, or that may hereafter be, executed, dealing with real or personal property within the Province of British Columbia, shall mean, unless a different construction is gathered from the deeds, instruments or documents, that portion of the Church of England within the Province of British Columbia.

9. Any conveyance of real estate, or any interest therein vested in the Corporation shall be deemed to be duly executed for that purpose if the same has affixed thereto the seal of the Corporation, verified by the signatures of the Bishop for the time being of the Diocese of British Columbia, or his commissary duly appointed, and the secretary of the aforesaid executive committee; and a discharge of a mortgage, if executed in the same way, shall be deemed to be properly and effectually executed.

10. In all Acts of the Legislature of this Province heretofore passed relating in any way to the Church of England, or to any of the ecclesiastical or educational institutions in any way connected herewith, and in all deeds, documents, and other writings heretofore executed where reference is made to the Diocesan Synod of British Columbia, either in direct terms or by implication, or to any officers or committees thereof, the same shall hereafter be construed as if the Corporation hereby incorporated, and the committees and officers thereof, were the body and the committee and officers referred to in such Act, deed, document or writings, instead of such Synod, committees and officers.

11. Any conveyance of real estate, or any interest therein, vested in the Corporation of the Bishop of British Columbia, shall hereafter be deemed to be duly executed for that purpose, if the same has affixed thereto the seal of the Corporation of the Bishop of British Columbia, verified by the signature of the Bishop for the time being of the Diocese of British Columbia, or his commissary duly appointed, and discharge of a mortgage, if executed in the same way, shall be deemed to be properly and effectually executed.

12. All Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed.

13. Nothing in this or any other Act contained shall be construed as implying that the Imperial Statute 9 George the Second, Cap. 36, has any force or effect in British Columbia.

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AMENDMENTS TO CANONS OF 1916-17 WITH NEW CANONS SINCE PASSED

CANON I.

Amend Clause 8 to read: "Presenting, reading, and dealing with the reports of the Executive Committee, the Finance Committee, and other reports of Synod Committees."

Reverse positions of 8 and 7.

Amend Clause 9 (d) to read: "Presenting, reading, and dealing with other reports."

CANON III.

Amend 1 (b) to read: "Eight Clerical members and eight Lay Representatives elected by the Synod on the first day of each ordinary session. Only those Clergy licensed to a definite sphere of work in the Diocese shall be eligible for election. Of this Committee three Clerical and three Lay members shall be a quorum. The Chairmanship of the Committee shall be provided for as in Article II. of the Constitution."

CANON IV.

Clause 5 (a) be deleted and the following be substituted therefor: "The payment of the stipend of the minister ministering in any parish or mission of the Diocese in which the stipend is less than \$1,500 a year, shall be undertaken by the Executive Committee."

Add after the word "paid" in the last line of "Form of Agreement (2)" the words: "After providing a proportionate sum for such insurance and taxes, punctual payment of such monthly amount shall be the first obligation on the parish or mission, except as may be otherwise provided in the Canons."

Insert "at their discretion" after the words "Executive Committee" in the second line of Clause 7.

CANON VII.

(Operation of Canon, except Clause 4, suspended: See New Canon XXIII.)

Clause 4 deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"4. On Christmas Day in each year, or on the next Sunday thereafter in places where no service is held on Christmas Day, in every parish and station in the Diocese the whole of the open offerings shall be appropriated to the Clergy Widows' and Orphans' Fund."

NEW CANONS

1920

CANON XXI.

Appointment and Resignation of Clergy

1. When the incumbency of a Rectory shall become vacant, the appointment of a new incumbent shall be with the Bishop, after consultation in person or by deputy with the parishioners called together for that purpose.

For definition of "Rectory" see Interpretation, page 3, Book of Canons.

2. When the incumbent of any parish or mission desires to resign his cure he shall first signify the same in writing to the Bishop at least three months before such resignation is to take effect, unless for special reasons a shorter period is accepted by the Bishop. Upon acceptance of the resignation the Bishop shall officially, in writing, give notice thereof to the Churchwardens.

1921

CANON XXII.

An Administrator of the Diocese during a Vacancy of the See

1. When the See is vacant the administration of the affairs hereinafter specifically referred to shall devolve upon (1) the Dean; or (2) if there be no Dean, the senior Archdeacon, or (3) if there be no Archdeacon, the senior priest on the Executive Committee, who shall be called the Administrator and shall act as such until the consecration of the Bishop. Seniority shall be determined according to date of commission or licence held within the Diocese.

2. (a) The Administrator shall preside over all boards and committees of which the Bishop is officially president, and act in the place of the Bishop so far as permissible upon any committee whereof the late Bishop was a member at the time the vacancy of the See occurred.

(b) Maintain the discipline of the Church by enquiry and visitation.

(c) Exercise such surveillance of affairs and conditions within or affecting the Diocese as may be exercised by the Bishop.

(d) Appoint and license clergy to parishes and missions as needs demand in accordance with the Canons and regulations of the Diocese.

3. The Administrator shall keep a full record of all his proceedings, shall preserve all official correspondence, and further account and report fully to the Bishop forthwith after his consecration upon all matters and things done or dealt with by him in the course of his administration.

1923

CANON XXIII.

The Beneficiary Fund

In view of the temporary operation of the General Synod Forward Movement Beneficiary Fund Canon it is enacted that:

1. The operation of the Clergy Widows' and Orphans' Fund, Canon VII., be and the same is hereby suspended, except as hereinafter provided, until the same shall by resolution of the Synod be declared to be in operation.

2. (a) The Christmas Day offerings shall be governed by the provisions of Canon VII. affecting the same, but the same shall be for both Clergy pensions and pensions for Clergy Widows and Orphans.

(b) The first charge on such offerings shall be such Clergy retiring allowances and Clergy Widows' and Orphans' pensions as cannot be paid by the General Synod under its present rules.

(c) The interest on the C. W. & O. Fund and on the Clergy Pension Fund, together with the Christmas offerings shall be remitted to the General Synod Beneficiary Fund, subject to the foregoing stipulation, and provided that the sum so paid shall at no time exceed the sum received by the Diocese in pensions for Clergy and for their widows and orphans.

(d) The Executive Committee be authorized to administer the C. W. & O. Fund and Clergy Pension Fund and Christmas Day offerings in accordance with the above conditions, and to take such further or other action in the premises as may from time to time be deemed advisable by them.

3. The above Clauses (a), (b), (c) and (d) shall respectively continue in force during the suspense of said Canon VII., but the provisions in said clauses may be varied in the meantime by resolution of the Synod.